



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020
6:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on November 18, 2020, teleconference via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Michael Zhao called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 15 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Ishita Verma	Jonathan Xia*	
District 2	Colin Lim	Elise Mullen	
District 3	Anika Kulkarni	Vaibhavi Kulkarni	Matthew Walsh
District 4	Anousha Athreya	Aroshi Ghosh	Vedant Janapaty
District 5	Hillary Chang	Alden Hughes	Michael Zhao
District 6	Tammy Cao	Nilansh Dey Ghosh	
District 7	Ye'ela Bronicki		

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Paula Escobar		
District 2	Soren Ryan-Jensen		
District 6	Kathryn Bravo		
District 7	Arushi Saxena		

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, Director Barbara Keegan and Director John L. Varela, Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were: Julie Abbatelli, Glenna Brambill, Lilian Bui, Mera Burton, Chelsea Busick, Andrew Gschwind, Janet Hedley, Peggy Lam, Perla Monte de Oca, Sherilyn Tran, and Kristen Yasukawa.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON AGENDA

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. WELCOME

We had welcoming remarks from Youth Commission Chair Michael Zhao, Board Chair and Youth Commission Board Representative Director Nai Hsueh, Board Representatives Director Barbara Keegan and Director John L. Varela, thanking the Youth Commissioners of being engaged and learning about water issues.

4. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Ms. Mera Burton and Ms. Janet Hedley facilitated the interactive activity, where the Youth Commissioners engaged an interactive “zoom chat” on how long it takes for plastics to disintegrate.

*Mr. Jonathan Xia, logged on at 6:18 p.m.

The Youth Commissioners introduced themselves with their name, district they represent, school attend, and grade.

5. MANAGER’S REPORT

Ms. Sherilyn Tran reported on the annual retreat outcome, development of the Commission’s workplan and working groups. There is a vacancy for District 7 so there will be an active recruitment and we could use assistance from the Youth Commission. Outcome of Measure S is awaiting the final vote and hosting a virtual tour of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center and a poll will follow to determine date.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Ye’ela Bronicki, seconded by Mr. Colin Lim, by roll call and unanimous vote carried, to approve the August 26, 2020, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION ORIENTATION

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item

The Youth Commission took no action.

7.2 BROWN ACT OVERVIEW AND TRAINING

Mr. Andrew Gschwind reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Youth Commission took no action.

7.3 UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S WORKING GROUPS

Chair Michael Zhao reviewed the following:

The Youth Commission reported on the following activities:

Mr. Alden Hughes reported on behalf of the Adopt-A-Bench Project, designs are approved, casts are being worked on, the project is being advertised with videos, social media and maps of the district benches and the ribbon cutting ceremony is to be scheduled.

Ms. Vaibhavi Kulkarni reported on behalf of the Creek Stewardship Working Group, the cleanup in September, having a user-friendly app and working on an adopt-a-creek program.

Ms. Elise Mullen reported on behalf of the Job Shadowing and Mentorship Working Group they are working on virtual February 2021 Job Shadow Day.

Ms. Aroshi Ghosh reported on behalf of the Youth Citizen Science Network Working Group will be meeting more frequently and assigned roles to Aroshi (Collaboration Coordinator), Jonathan (Social Media), Vaibhavi (Secretary) and Anika (Outreaching).

Chair Michael Zhao reiterated the importance of attending regular and working groups meetings, responding to staff emails and staying engaged. The Communications/Public Outreach Working Group will be able to have information on what the Youth Commission is doing, having flyers, accessing public media. Valley Water Staff will assist with the content of the website and have control on the updates.

Nilansh Dey Ghosh left at 7:35 p.m. and did not return.

The Youth Commission took the following action.

It was moved by Ms. Aroshi Ghosh, seconded by Mr. Colin Lim, by roll call and unanimous vote carried, to approve adding the Communications/Public Outreach Working Group.

7.4 REVIEW AND DISCUSS SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION WORK PLAN, AND PROPOSE THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Sherilyn Tran reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Youth Commission took the following action.

It was moved by Mr. Michael Zhao, seconded by Ms. Ishita Verma, by roll call and unanimous vote carried, to approve the new work plan with the correction of item #6 (two #6's, change to #7), and adding of the Communications/Public Outreach Working Group.

8. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported two action items for Board advisement.

Agenda Item 7.3

The Youth Commission approved additional Communications/Public Outreach Working Group.

Agenda Item 7.4

The Youth Commission approved the new work plan with the correction of item #6 (two #6's, change to #7), and adding of the Communications/Public Outreach Working Group.

9. ADJOURN

Chair Michael Zhao adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., via teleconference (Zoom). {This date is subject to change.}

Glenna Brambill
Board Committee Liaison
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 2-24-2021